

Evidence tape is seen with a Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit in an examination room, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022, in Austin, Texas.

Texas vow to 'eliminate all rapists' rings hollow at clinics

Associated Press
By Paul J. Weber and Jamie Stengle

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — When Texas' new abortion law made no exceptions in cases of rape, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott defended it with an assurance: Texas would get to work eliminating rapes. One year later, Lindsey LeBlanc is busy as ever helping

rape victims in a college town outside Houston. "The numbers have stayed consistently high," said LeBlanc, executive director of the Sexual Assault Resource Center in Bryan, near Texas A&M University. Despite hiring two additional counselors in the past six months, she still has a waitlist for victims. "We are struggling to keep up with demand,"

she said. The constant caseloads in Texas are another example of how Republicans have struggled to defend zero-exception abortion bans that are unpopular in public polling, have caused uproar in high-profile cases and are inviting political risk heading into November's midterm elections.

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A year since Texas' law went into effect in September 2021, at least a dozen states also have bans that make no exceptions in cases of rape or incest.

The absence of exceptions has caused divisions among Republicans, including in West Virginia, where a new law signed this month allows a brief window for rape and incest victims to obtain abortions only if they report to law enforcement first. Recently, South Carolina Republicans scuttled a proposed ban after failing to get enough GOP support.

"It really disgusts me," said Republican South Carolina state Sen. Katrina Shealy, ripping into her male colleagues on the floor of the state Senate.

Republican U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, also of South Carolina, allowed excep-



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tions under the proposed national abortion ban he introduced last week. The proposal has virtually no chance of passing, with even GOP leaders not im-

mediately backing it, reflecting how Republicans have broadly struggled to navigate the issue of abortion with voters since the U.S. Supreme Court over-

turned *Roe v. Wade* this summer.

Overwhelming majorities of voters think their state should generally allow abortion in specific cases, including rape, incest or if the health of the pregnant person is endangered. Even Republicans are seeing it as a line with some voters.

"It's a very gray issue," said Claudia Alcazar, the GOP chairwoman in Starr County along the Texas-Mexico border that has become a new political battleground after Republicans made big gains with more conservative Hispanic voters in 2020.

She said she knows those who are "hardcore, never have abortion for any reason, period. And then I have the other ones that are like, 'Well, you know, it depends.'"

In Texas, the blowback was swift when Abbott said last September: "Texas will work tirelessly to make sure that we eliminate all rapists from the streets." Critics called it detached from reality. A sexual assault hotline in Houston has answered almost 4,800 calls through August this year — putting it on track to exceed last year's volume of 4,843.

As of this summer, all abortions were banned in Texas except if it would save a mother's life.

Asked what Abbott has done in the past year to eliminate rape, spokeswoman Renae Eze highlighted older measures to

clear rape test kit backlogs, a law signed in June aimed at coordinating and expanding sexual assault resources and a task force his office launched in 2019 to address the issue.

"To prevent such heinous crimes before they happen, and to prosecute any criminals to the full extent of the law, Governor Abbott has aggressively fought against defunding the police and led bail reform efforts to prevent the release of dangerous criminals," Eze said in a statement.

More than 14,000 rape crimes have been reported in Texas since the law took effect last year, according to data from the Texas Department of Public Safety. That was slightly down from the year before and consistent with a decline in other violent crime figures across the state. Crisis centers in Texas say the number of rape victims they've accompanied to hospitals for exams is rebounding since the pandemic restrictions kept advocates from entering. The Women's Center in Fort Worth has made more than 650 visits to counsel victims undergoing exams in the past year compared to about 340 in the year prior, said Alisha Mathenia, the assistant director of crisis services at the center. The majority of sexual assaults are never reported to police, making any available data an incomplete picture. And about 8 out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by a person known to the victim, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.

"We're not talking about a large of number of rapists walking around on the street. That's a myth," said Democrat Donna Howard, a state representative in Austin who co-authored the bill creating Abbott's task force.

At The SAFE Alliance in Austin, where sexual assault victims can get exams and medical care at its Eloise House, senior director Juliana Gonzales said it's admirable for Texas to work on rape prevention. "But I also think it's important for the state to live in the reality that we have to respond to sexual assault," she said.

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Staffing shortages, violence plague Oklahoma prisons

Associated Press

By SEAN MURPHY

HOLDENVILLE, Okla. (AP) —

Working as a prison guard in Oklahoma is becoming an ever more dangerous job as the state, with one of the highest incarceration rates in the United States, struggles with violence and understaffing at detention facilities. Long hours, dangerous conditions and remote, rural locations have meant fewer guards and a system plagued with increased killings and violence.

Three inmates were killed in separate incidents this year at the same private prison in rural, east-central Oklahoma where a correctional officer was fatally stabbed by an inmate over the summer, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Davis Correctional Facility, a 1,700-bed men's prison in Holdenville operated by Tennessee-based private prison operator CoreCivic, has been operating at only about 70% of its contractually obligated staffing level, according to a 2021 audit of the facility provided to the AP after an open-records request.

Alan Jay Hershberger, a 61-year-old veteran correc-



The Davis Correctional Facility, a private prison in Holdenville, Oklahoma, operated by Tennessee-based CoreCivic, is shown on Sept. 20, 2022.

tional officer from Missouri who previously worked at a CoreCivic facility in Kansas, was traveling to Oklahoma to work at the prison for six-week stints at a time, according to his family. On July 31, Hershberger was supervising about 30 inmates in a recreation yard at the prison when 49-year-old inmate Gregory Thompson walked past him, pulled a 16-inch, homemade knife from his waistband and plunged it into Hershberger's back, according to an

affidavit from Oklahoma Department of Corrections investigator J. Dale Hunter.

"The victim immediately grabbed his side and quickly walked out of the A Unit South door toward a second correctional officer ... and collapsed," Hunter wrote. "The defendant followed behind the victim and began shouting, 'On the set' and 'On the Crips,' prison slang indicating the action is the responsibility of the Crips prison gang of which the defendant is a

validated member."

Thompson, who is serving a no-parole life sentence for a 2003 murder conviction, has gang affiliation and a history of prison violence, including a 2010 first-degree manslaughter conviction in a case in which Thompson stabbed another inmate to death in 2009 at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Despite his history, Thompson was held among the general population at Davis Correctional Facility, according to the

DOC.

"He should not have been in general (population), knowing how violent he was and his history," said Jessica Scott, a correctional officer who worked with Hershberger during a six-week stint at Davis. "Administrative segregation is where he should have been."

Scott, who has worked at two other CoreCivic prisons in Kansas and Tennessee, said the facility at Holdenville had more problems maintaining appropriate staffing levels, cell doors that didn't lock properly and inmates who were particularly violent and non-compliant toward staff.

"It was by far the worst," said Scott, who now works at a state prison in Kansas. "There's a reason I'm not there anymore."

Thompson has been charged with first-degree murder in Hughes County. His public defenders declined to comment on the case.

CoreCivic did not respond directly to questions about Thompson's offender-level status or its staffing ratio at the time of the killing, but acknowledged the company is taking steps to improve staffing levels. □

Democrats in Florida seek to win over Latinos on gun control

Associated Press

By ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON

MIAMI (AP) —

Annette Taddeo walked to a podium overlooking Miami's Biscayne Bay and described to her audience how she had fled terrorism as a teenager in Colombia and now feared for the safety of her 16-year-old daughter at an American public school.

A blue and bright orange bus behind the Democratic congressional candidate carried this message in Spanish: "A future without violence."

"Latinos are here because of the American dream, and it is really hard to do that when you are worried about your kids' safety," said Taddeo, a state senator who is challenging a Republican congresswoman,

María Elvira Salazar.

Few places disappointed Democrats in 2020 as deeply as South Florida. A shift among Latinos toward the GOP contributed to several unexpected losses in House races and helped then-President Donald Trump carry Florida by more than 3 percentage points.

Democrats are campaigning differently this year as they aim to connect the party's priorities to the personal experiences of a group that often feels overlooked in national politics.

The effort comes at a volatile moment for Latinos in Florida. Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has attracted national attention to immigration after arranging to fly a group of Venezuelans from Texas to Massachu-

setts' Martha's Vineyard as part of a state-funded relocation program for migrants who are in the country illegally.

While some Venezuelans and Latinos affiliated with the Democratic party have condemned it as a "cruel stunt," some exiles applauded DeSantis' actions. Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a Cuban American, wrote a column in Spanish for a conservative online platform seemingly taking DeSantis' side by raising concerns that migrants crossing into the United States from Mexico could be criminals freed by Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro.

Gun violence, meantime, is a particularly powerful issue in Florida, where two of the



Fred Guttenberg, whose daughter Jaime was killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shootings in 2018, speaks at the kick off of the Giffords Florida bus tour, Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, in Miami.

deadliest mass shootings in recent years have occurred. Spanish-language media have given wide coverage both to the elementary school shooting

in Uvalde, Texas, a predominantly Hispanic area, and to the penalty trial of the shooter who attacked a high school in Parkland, Florida, in 2018. □

Amended autopsy: Black man died due to sedative, restraint

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — A Black man died after a police encounter in a Denver suburb in 2019 because he was injected with a powerful sedative after being forcibly restrained, according to an amended autopsy report publicly released Friday. Despite the finding, the death of Elijah McClain, a 23-year-old massage therapist, was still listed as undetermined, not a homicide, the report shows. McClain was put in a neck hold and injected with ketamine after being stopped by police in Aurora for “being suspicious.” He was unarmed.

The original autopsy report that was written soon after his death in August 2019 did not reach a conclusion about how he died or what type of death it was, such as if it was natural, accidental or a homicide. That was a major reason why prosecutors initially decided not to pursue charges. But a state grand jury last



A demonstrator carries an image of Elijah McClain during a rally and march in Aurora, Colo., June 27, 2020.

year indicted three officers and two paramedics on manslaughter and reckless homicide charges in McClain's death after the case drew renewed attention following the killing of George Floyd in 2020. It became a rallying cry dur-

ing the national reckoning over racism and police brutality.

The five accused have not yet entered pleas and their lawyers have not commented publicly on the charges.

In the updated report,

completed in July 2021, Dr. Stephen Cina, a pathologist, concluded that the ketamine dosage given to McClain, which was higher than recommended for someone his size, “was too much for this individual and it resulted in an overdose,

even though his blood ketamine level was consistent with a ‘therapeutic’ blood concentration.”

He said he could not rule out that changes in McClain's blood chemistry, like an increase in lactic acid, due to his exertion while being restrained by police contributed to his death but concluded there was no evidence that injuries inflicted by police caused his death.

“I believe that Mr. McClain would most likely be alive but for the administration of ketamine,” said Cina, who noted that body camera footage shows McClain becoming “extremely sedated” within a few minutes of being given the drug.

Cina acknowledged that other reasonable pathologists with different experience and training may have labeled such a death, while in police custody, as a homicide or accident, but that he believes the appropriate classification is undetermined. □

US steps up diplomatic efforts with China on Taiwan, Russia

NEW YORK (AP) — The Biden administration on Friday ramped up its diplomatic efforts to press China to end provocative actions against Taiwan and warned it about any active support for Russia in its war against Ukraine.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken made both cases in a meeting with his Chinese counterpart on Friday in a meeting on the sidelines of the annual U.N. General Assembly in New York, according to U.S. officials. The session was one of the few that Blinken kept on his schedule after the death of his father on Thursday.

The officials wouldn't describe the Chinese response, but said Foreign Minister Wang Yi was receptive to the messages and that the two men discussed the need “to maintain open lines of communication and responsibly manage the U.S.-China relationship, especially during times of tension.”

The talks between Blinken



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi during the 77th United Nations General Assembly on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022.

and Wang come amid a period of intense tensions on both issues and ahead of an expected meeting in November between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping. Biden's recent comments about Taiwan

and China's tacit support for the war in Ukraine are just two of the latest irritants in relations between Washington and Beijing.

State Department spokesman Ned Price said Blinken had affirmed to Wang

the administration's commitment to “maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait” despite Biden's assertion earlier this week that the U.S. would send troops to defend Taiwan in the event of a Chi-

nese invasion. China regards the self-governed island of Taiwan as its sovereign territory, has not ruled out force to reunify it with the mainland and has in recent months stepped up military activity in the area. That activity is at least partially in response to high-level U.S. congressional visits to Taipei, including by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and stepped-up American arms sales.

Blinken “stressed that preserving peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait is critical to regional and global security and prosperity,” Price said in a statement. It added that the U.S. remains committed to its “one-China policy” which does not support Taiwanese independence.

On Russia, U.S. officials said Blinken underscored the damage that would be done to the Sino-U.S. relationship should Beijing take a more active role in supporting the war in Ukraine. □

'Multilateral'? Global South's leaders question solidarity

Associated Press

By Krista Larson

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) —

The United Nations was established on one simple notion above all others: Working together is better than going it alone. But while the term "multilateralism" might be trending at this year's U.N. General Assembly, some leaders are calling out the heads of richer nations.

Whether it's the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic or climate change, developing countries say it seems that richer nations are thinking of themselves first and not the world's most vulnerable.

"The global economy is now a house on fire, yet we continue to use evacuation methods that rush some nations out to safety while leaving the rest of us behind to fend for ourselves in the burning building," said Malawi's president, Lazarus Chakwera. "But if we are truly one U.N. family, then leaving no one behind has to be practiced, not just preached."

Tanzania's Vice President Philip Isidor Mpango was



President of Malawi Lazarus Chakwera addresses the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022.

even more blunt. He said that "unilateralism driven by greed is leading us — rich and poor, strong and weak — to a catastrophe." When the United Nations was established in 1945, world leaders hoped it would make sure that something like World War II never happened again. Over the years its mandate has tackled everything from nuclear proliferation to protecting refugees. But that high-minded notion of multilateralism has never wavered — even if the reality sometimes has.

Kiribati President Taneti Maamau Beretitenti reminded member states last week that the United Nations' founders wanted to not only prevent future wars but also "improve the standard of living for all."

"Today, we take stock of the progress made towards those goals along with new commitments and to reflect and assess if we have truly lived up those values," he said. Regionalism and solidarity, he said, "are at risk of being increasingly used to serve specific national interests" rather than

for the common benefit.

"Broken humanity cannot be fixed by wonderful speeches, meetings, resolutions, nor international instruments, but by an interplay of greater compassion and solidarity," he added. Mohammad Niamat Elahee, an international business professor at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, said most rich countries are giving lip service to multilateralism but are, in reality, acting otherwise.

"When we try to solve it ourselves, maybe in the short term we gain some benefits only for a limited number of people. But in the long run, it becomes worse for everyone," he said, pointing to the COVID-19 variants that emerged in developing countries after rich countries initially hoarded vaccine supplies.

"For multilateralism to work, we need cooperation across the board. If some countries follow multilateralism and some countries don't, then it doesn't work," Elahee said. "Big countries have a disproportionately high influence in the world," he said. □

South Korea says North Korea test-fired missile toward sea

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile Sunday toward its eastern seas, extending a provocative streak in weapons testing as a U.S. aircraft carrier visits South Korea for joint military exercises in response to the North's growing nuclear threat.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile launched from the western inland town of Taechon flew 600 kilometers (370 miles) cross-country on a maximum altitude of 60 kilometers (37 miles) before landing in waters off North Korea's eastern coast. South Korea's presidential office said National Security Director Kim Sung-han called an emergency National Security Council meeting where members

denounced the launch as a clear violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions and accused the North of raising tensions in the region.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said the launch did not pose an "immediate threat to U.S. personnel or territory, or to our allies," but still highlighted the destabilizing impact of North Korea's illicit nuclear weapons and missile programs.

The launch came as the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and its strike group arrived in South Korea for the two countries' joint military exercises that aim to show their strength against growing North Korean threats. South Korea's Foreign Ministry said its nuclear envoy Kim Gunn held telephone calls with Sung Kim, U.S.



People watch a news program showing a file image of a missile launch by North Korea at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

President Joe Biden's special representative for North Korea, and Funakoshi Takehiro, director-general for Asian and Oceanian affairs at Japan's Foreign Ministry, to discuss trilateral cooperation in face of North Korean threats.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said in a statement Tokyo is "doing its utmost" to gather information on North Korea's launch and confirm the safety of ships and aircraft, although there were no immediate reports of damages. □

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Italians vote in election that could take far-right to power

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italians voted Sunday in an election that could move the country's politics sharply toward the right during a critical time for Europe, with war in Ukraine fueling skyrocketing energy bills and testing the West's resolve to stand united against Russian aggression.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. (0500GMT) and by noon turnout was equal to or slightly less than at the same time during Italy's last general election in 2018. The counting of paper ballots was expected to begin shortly after they close at 11 p.m. (2100 GMT), with projections based on partial results coming early Monday morning.

Publication of opinion polls is banned in the two weeks leading up to the election, but polls before that showed far-right leader Giorgia Meloni and her Brothers of Italy party, with its neo-fascist roots, the most popular. That suggested Italians were poised to vote their first far-right government into power since World War II. Close behind was former Premier Enrico Letta and his center-left Democratic Party.

Letta, for his part, tweeted a photo of himself at the ballot box. "Have a good vote!" he wrote.

Meloni is part of a right-wing



The League leader Matteo Salvini casts his ballot at a polling station in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

alliance with anti-migrant League leader Matteo Salvini and Silvio Berlusconi, the three-time premier who heads the Forza Italia party he created three decades ago. Italy's complex electoral law rewards campaign coalitions, meaning the Democrats are disadvantaged since they failed to secure a similarly broad alliance with left-leaning populists and centrists.

Nearly 51 million Italians were eligible to vote. Pollsters, though, predicted turnout could be even lower than the record-setting low of 73% in the last gener-

al election in 2018. They say despite Europe's many crises, many voters feel alienated from politics, since Italy has had three coalition governments since the last election — each led by someone who hadn't run for office.

Early voters in Rome expressed concerns about Italian politics as a whole. The election in the eurozone's third-largest economy is being closely watched in Europe, given Meloni's criticism of "Brussels bureaucrats" and her ties to other right-wing leaders — she recently defended

Hungary's Viktor Orban after the European Commission recommended suspending billions of euros in funding to Hungary over concerns about democratic backsliding and the possible mismanagement of EU money.

Elections are being held six months early after Mario Draghi's pandemic unity government collapsed in late July. Italy's president, Sergio Mattarella, saw no alternative but to have voters elect a new Parliament. Opinion polls found Draghi, a former European Central Bank chief, hugely popular.

But the three populist parties in the coalition boycotted a confidence vote tied to an energy relief measure. Their leaders, Salvini, Berlusconi and 5-Star Movement leader Giuseppe Conte, a former premier whose party is the largest in the outgoing Parliament, saw Meloni's popularity growing while theirs slipped.

Meloni kept her Brothers of Italy in the opposition, refusing to join Draghi's unity government or Conte's two coalitions that governed after the 2018 vote.

She further distanced herself from Salvini and Berlusconi with unflinching support for Ukraine, including sending weapons so Kyiv could defend itself against Russia. Her nationalist party champions sovereignty.

Many factories in Italy face cutbacks — some already have reduced production — and other business might close as they struggle with gas and electricity bills reaching 10 times higher than a year ago. The major candidates, despite their political leanings, agreed on the urgency for a EU-wide price cap on energy prices, or failing that, a national one.

Draghi, who remains in a caretaker role until a new government is sworn in, had for months already pressed EU authorities in Brussels for the same remedy. □



In this image taken from video, smoke rises from a warehouse blaze at a produce market in Paris' southern suburbs, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

Fire breaks out at world's biggest produce market in Paris

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A billowing column of dark smoke towered over Paris on Sunday from a warehouse blaze at a massive produce market that supplies the French capital and surrounding region with much of its fresh food and bills itself as the largest of its kind in the world.

Firefighters urged people to stay away from the area in Paris' southern suburbs, as 100 officers and 30 fire engines battled the blaze at the Rungis International Market.

Capt. Marc Le Moine, a

spokesman for the Paris fire service, said no one was injured. The fire was brought under control and there was no risk of it spreading from the soccer field-sized warehouse, covering an area of 7,000 square meters (1.7 acres), he said.

The cause of the blaze was unknown but will be investigated, he added.

The sprawling wholesale market is a veritable town unto itself, with more than 12,000 people working there and warehouses filled with fruit and vegetables, seafood, meats, dairy products and flowers from

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Canada sends troops to help clear Fiona's devastation

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people in Atlantic Canada remained without power Sunday and officials tried to assess the scope of devastation of from former Hurricane Fiona, which swept away houses, stripped off roofs and knocked out power across the country's Atlantic provinces.

After surging north from the Caribbean, Fiona came ashore before dawn Saturday as a post-tropical cyclone, battering Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Quebec with hurricane-strength winds, heavy rains and huge waves.

Defense Minister Anita Anand said Canadian troops would help remove fallen trees throughout Eastern Canada, restore transportation links and do whatever else is required for as long as it takes. She didn't specify how many

troops would be deployed. Fiona was blamed for at least five deaths in the Caribbean, and while there were no confirmed fatalities in Canada, authorities on Sunday were searching for a woman missing in the hardest hit town of Channel-Port Aux Basques on the southern coast of Newfoundland.

As of Sunday morning, more than 256,000 Nova Scotia Power customers and over 82,000 Maritime Electric customers in the province of Prince Edward Island — about 95% of the total — remained in the dark. So were more than 20,600 homes and businesses in New Brunswick.

More than 415,000 Nova Scotia Power customers — about 80% in the province of almost 1 million people — had been affected by outages Saturday.

Utility companies say it could be days before the lights are back on for ev-



In this photo provided by Wreckhouse Press a home fights against high winds caused by post Tropical Storm Fiona in Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and Labrador, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022.

eryone.

Cape Breton Regional Municipality Mayor Amanda McDougall said Sunday over 200 people had been displaced and were in temporary shelters. Over 70 roads are completely inaccessible in her region, which declared a state of

emergency. She said she couldn't count the number of homes damaged in her own neighborhood. She said it was critical for the military to arrive and help clear debris, noting that the road to the airport is inaccessible and the tower has significant damage.

McDougall said it is amazing there are no injuries.

Prince Edward Island Premier Dennis King said few communities were spared damage, with the devastation seemingly beyond anything before seen in the province.

Entire structures were washed into the sea as raging surf pounded Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland.

Much of the town of 4,000 had been evacuated and Button said officials on Sunday will identify areas where people can safely go back to their homes. He asked for patience, noting some residents are showing up at barricades angry and wanting to go to home.

Government officials across Eastern Canada were assessing the full scope of damage caused by the storm now that the fierce winds have subsided in most places. Fiona had moved inland over south-eastern Quebec. □

Germany secures more gas shipments as Scholz visits Gulf

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Olaf Scholz planted a tree at a mangrove park in the United Arab Emirates on Sunday, a token nod to environmentalism during a two-day visit to the Gulf region focused mainly on securing new fossil fuel supplies and forging fresh alliances against Russia.

Germany is trying to wean itself off energy imports from Russia in response to the invasion of Ukraine, while avoiding an energy shortage in the coming winter months.

To do so, the German government has sought out new natural gas suppliers while also installing terminals to bring the fuel into the country by ship.

After visiting the Jubail Mangrove Park in Abu Dhabi, Scholz met with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to sign an accord on energy cooperation and discuss the country's hosting of next year's U.N. climate talks.

German utility company RWE announced Sunday that it will receive a first shipment of liquefied natural gas from the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company this year. In a separate deal, RWE will partner with UAE-based Masdar to explore further offshore wind energy projects, the company said.

From Abu Dhabi Scholz flew to Qatar to meet the emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Ha-

mad Al Thani, and discuss bilateral relations, regional issues such as tensions with Iran and the Gulf nation's upcoming hosting of soccer's World Cup.

Speaking to reporters in Doha, Scholz acknowledged that there had been progress on improving conditions for foreign workers involved in the construction of the venues for the tournament, but left open whether he would attend any of the games himself.

The German leader's first stop Saturday was Saudi Arabia, where he met with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Human rights groups criticized the meeting because of Prince Mohammed's alleged involvement in the



In this photo made available by the United Arab Emirates Presidential Court, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE left, shakes hands with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, at Al Shati Palace in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Scholz told reporters after the meeting that he had

discussed "all the questions around civil and human rights" with the prince, but declined to elaborate. □

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Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes met with Hillary Clinton

Oranjestad - Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes met with Hillary Clinton to explore the possibilities of the Clinton Foundation helping Aruba with innovation projects.

at the "Clinton Global Initiative - Taking Action Together 2022" conference. Prime Minister Wever-Croes is abroad attending the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Initiative conference, ex-president Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and their daughter Chelsea Clinton addressed various interesting topics.

The President of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Ghebreyesus, and the artist / activist Bono elaborated on the effects of the pandemic and the strategies used in developed and non-developed countries.

Their advice is to invest in a basic health care system.

Prime Minister expressed that it was a fruitful meeting "looking for solutions for Aruba".

The meeting took place At this year's Clinton Global



Concrete steps during work conference 'Study success Caribbean students'

Oranjestad - Every year, approximately 1,600 students from the Caribbean part of the Kingdom start their studies in the Netherlands.

and a half of focused (online) work have been done in preparation for this important conference.

During the work conference 'Study Success Caribbean Students', Aruba, the Dutch Caribbean, Curaçao, St. Maarten, and the Netherlands hope to jointly develop support programs with concrete and structural measures so that more Caribbean students will be able to complete their

studies. To achieve that, among other things, they must focus more on study choice, cultural differences, and language. They will also launch an online communication platform to share best practices during the conference.

Governments and education together

The conference will be held at the University of Aruba. The Aruban Minister of Education and Sports Affairs, Endy Croes, and Ron Bormans, chairman of the board of Hogeschool Rotterdam and chairman of the Regiegroep "Study Success Caribbean Students", will officially open it. Secretary General of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science, Marjan Hammersma, will also be present. Other attendees are representatives of the governments of Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Bonaire, St. Eustatius, Saba,

and the Netherlands, as well as rectors of four universities and a broad representation of secondary education, MBO, and HBO.

Participants at the conference will address topics such as proper preparation of Caribbean pupils and students who wish to pursue higher education, careful transfer and monitoring of students, educational opportunities on the islands, and study mobility within the Kingdom.

Plan of approach to improve study success

The Caribbean students' problems in higher education, and the need to work together to find a solution, are known for some time. That is why, at the request of the ministerial Four-Country Consultation, the Steering Group started in 2021, with representatives from the government and education of the four countries,

which has developed an action plan to improve the study success of Caribbean students.

A project group representing relevant parties from education from all countries also started work on this plan of approach in 2021. This group will share the current state of affairs, including concrete measures already taken, with the participants during work conferences.

They will submit structural measures to the Four-Country Consultation.

Building on what is already in motion, the Regiegroep will formulate the joint recommendations for the Ministerial Four-Country Consultation on Education, Culture, and Science, which will take place in December.



Aruba's underwater wonderland



ORANJESTAD - Exploring the underwater wonders is something you should definitely do during your stay in Aruba. The underwater world has everything to offer that makes a snorkel trip so exceptional; an impressive, colorful sea life with exotic fishes, turtles and beautiful coral reef. The historic shipwrecks, located on the Aruban seabed are also worth a visit. Aruba is known for its white beaches and blue oceans, which means there are many fascinating under water spots, where you can take your snorkeling gear and we selected the top spots for you.

Tres Trapi

Tres Trapi means tree steps in Papiamentu, Papiamentu is together with Dutch the official language spoken on Aruba. The beach is called Tres Trapi because it is accessible by the tree steps carved into the rocks. Tres Trapi is a small rocky beach, located on the north-western side of the island, approximately 5 to 10 minute drive from Palm Beach. From the unique steps you can easily walk over the beach into the clear and turquoise blue

ocean. While snorkeling you will encounter all kind of tropical fishes and sea stars. The kind of starfish you will find in the Aruban waters is the red cushion sea star. This is a starfish that is commonly found in the shallow waters of the Caribbean sea and if you are lucky during your snorkeling visit to Tres Trapi, you may come across one of the green sea turtles. Respect the animal, keep your distance and enjoy the view. Also remember; it is a once in a life time experience.

Antilla shipwreck

Antilla is a 400-foot-long long ship, built in 1939 in Hamburg, Germany. Antilla came to Aruba, because it had to find a neutral port. When Germany invaded the Netherlands on May 10, 1940, the crew decided to let their own ship sink, to prevent it from falling into the hands of the Dutch Navy. Antilla lies on its port-side in Malmok bay, and the sunken world war two ship is now one of Aruba's most popular snorkeling and dive spots. However, the ship wreck can only be reached by boat. The ship is visible from the surface and during your snorkeling trip you be surrounded by hundreds of tropical fishes, but the ship wreck alone is already impressive enough.

Baby Beach

Baby beach; a white beach, with a crystal blue ocean. The beach is located on the southern part of the island. On the way to the famous beach, you will drive through the old capital of Aruba, San Nicolas. The old Aruban culture can be still felt and experienced here, so do not hesitate to get out of your car and walk around for a while. Baby beach is a child friendly beach, since it is shallow and the water has a pleasant temperature. The name therefore fits well with the beach. Baby beach is an excellent beach for snorkeling, especially if you want to go with small children, because the water remains shallow and there are still many under-

water wonders to see. In the ocean there is an area marked until where it is recommended to snorkel and on the beach you will find different facilities. It is a perfect beach to spend your day snorkeling and relaxing.

Mangel Halto

Mangel Halto beach is located in Savaneta, on the southern-west part of the island. The beach is different from the other beaches in Aruba; it is beach full of mangroves. You reach the beach by a bridge through

the mangroves and then you will have several entrances to the sea. There are diverse spots where you can enjoy a perfect beach day, wooden stairs made to enter the water and a dock to sit on and enjoy the view. Mangel Halto is also worth a visit for the snorkeling experience. Inside the bay, the water is clear and you find many colorful fish. Outside the bay is a bit more challenging for beginners because of the wind and the waves, but the coral is alive and it is just like snorkel heaven. □



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Focused on a healthier community

Health Expo Against Chronic Disease took place on Saturday

ORANJESTAD – Last Saturday, at the Betico Croes Sports Complex, the Health Expo Together Against Chronic Disease took place, where professionals in the health sector came together to give recommendations and tips for people wanting to lead a healthier life.

In the presence of various ministers and members of Parliament, the Health Expo Together Against Chronic Disease started at 10am with a speech by minister of Health and Tourism, Mr. Dangui Oduber. He expressed that after two years it was possible to organize this conference, which was programmed since 2020 but had to be postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"This expo, Together Against Chronic Disease, is very important in the context of our national prevention plan. Today we are very happy that we could count with the presence of interim Governor, Mr. Agustín Vrolijk as well as the alternate president of Parliament, Mr. Raymond Kamperveen, who showed their support and trust in the National Prevention Plan", Oduber commented.

This plan was introduced in 2020, and it is currently in

implementation. The minister pointed out that the community of Aruba isn't the healthiest, and many suffer from chronic diseases which are responsible for many deaths. The special focus of this expo is to "provide a platform to all foundations that are working to fight chronic disease, to offer their services as well as free medical check-ups today, which are very important to take care of your health", Oduber said.

Sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure checks, among others, were carried out. The attending public received information about what people need to do to have a healthier community. Healthy food options were also provided, including classic Aruban snacks like pastechi, croket and cake, but without sugar, salt and with more natural ingredients.

"I find it very interesting how we are transforming, that there are more and more small businesses that believe in a healthier community in the lifestyle that we want, because at the end of the day, when you improve your health and change your lifestyle this improves your quality of life and extends your lifespan", Oduber said.

Regarding AZV, Oduber

said that for many years the general health insurance was focused on curative care, and it was in the last few years that they are looking more in the area of prevention. With prevention, maybe the results are not immediately seen, but it takes some time to see results in numbers. But right now, they will share with the community during the launch of the Aruba Healthy Lifestyle Centre, which is a project funded by AZV for the first time in history. The intention is to help all those who have problems with obesity to receive guidance, coaching, providing them with a menu which they can use daily to change and adapt their lifestyle. This intervention is to avoid that the people develop diabetes or kidney disease requiring dialysis, oftentimes needing hospitalization and resulting in death.

"AZV and the ministry of Health support these initiatives so that we can shift from the curative aspect to the preventative aspect, because we are convinced that together with the health platform and the foundations we will reach a healthier community", Oduber said.

During this expo, the hospital also showed a dialysis machine, considering that this is a good reason for people to become more aware regarding prevention so that the future generations will not suffer from preventable chronic disease. A community that is well informed and has all the necessary tools can prevent these types of disease.

Until 2020, 70 percent of the population of Aruba was overweight and 30 percent of them were obese. This is because people do not address these issues, which is not an option anymore. Oduber commented that they began this program to create awareness and for people to take action, for a healthier community.



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By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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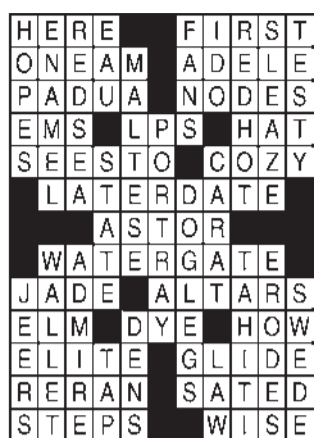
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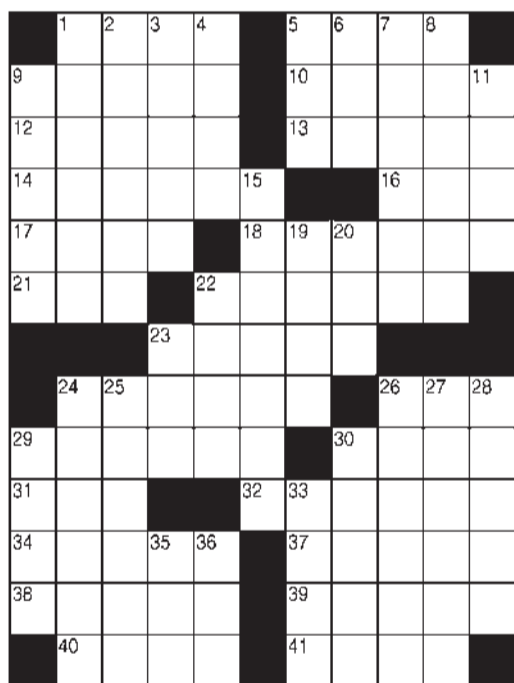
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Saturday's answer



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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: NO PLACE IS EVER AS BAD AS THEY TELL YOU IT'S GOING TO BE. — CHUCK THOMPSON

Georgia voting equipment breach at center of tangled tale



This Jan. 7, 2021, image taken from Coffee County, Ga., security video, appears to show Cathy Latham (center, long turquoise top), introducing members of a computer forensic team to local election officials. Latham was the county Republican Party chair at the time.

Associated Press

By **Kate Brumback**

ATLANTA (AP) — The tale of breached voting equipment in one of the country's most important political battleground states involves a bail bondsman, a prominent attorney tied to former President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn the 2020 presidential election and a cast of characters from a rural county that rarely draws notice from outsiders. How they all came together and what it could mean for the security of voting in the upcoming midterm elections are questions tangled up in a lawsuit and state investigations that have prompted calls to ditch the machines altogether.

Details of the unauthorized access of sensitive voting equipment in Coffee County, Georgia, became public last month when documents and emails revealed the involvement of high-profile Trump supporters. That's also when it caught the attention of an Atlanta-based prosecutor who is leading a separate investigation of Trump's efforts to undo his loss in the state.

Since then, revelations about what happened in the county of 43,000 people have raised questions about whether the Dominion Voting Systems machines used in Georgia have been compromised. The public disclosure of the breach began with a rambling phone call from an Atlanta-area bail bondsman

to the head of an election security advocacy group involved in a long-running lawsuit targeting the state's voting machines.

According to a recording filed in court earlier this year, the bail bondsman said he'd chartered a jet and was with a computer forensics team at the Coffee County elections office when they "imaged every hard drive of every piece of equipment."

That happened on Jan. 7, 2021, a day after the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and two days after a runoff election in which Democrats swept both of Georgia's U.S. Senate seats.

The trip to Coffee County, about 200 miles south of Atlanta, to copy data and software from elections equipment was directed by attorney Sidney Powell and other Trump allies, according to deposition testimony and documents produced in response to subpoenas.

Later that month, security camera footage shows, two men who have participated in efforts to question the results of the 2020 election in several states spent days going in and out of the Coffee County elections office.

The footage also shows local election and Republican Party officials welcoming the visitors and allowing them access to the election equipment. The video seems to contradict statements some of the officials made about their appar-

ent involvement. The new information has made Coffee County, where Trump won nearly 70% of the vote two years ago, a focal point of concerns over the security of voting machines. While there is no evidence of widespread problems with voting equipment in 2020, some Trump supporters have spread false information about machines and the election outcome.

Election security experts and activists fear state election officials haven't acted fast enough in the face of what they see as a real threat.

The copying of the software and its availability for download means potential bad actors could build exact copies of the Dominion system to test different types of attacks, said University of California, Berkeley computer scientist Philip Stark, an expert witness for the plaintiffs in the voting machines lawsuit.

"This is like bank robbers having an exact replica of the vault that they're trying to break into," he said. Stark said the risks could be minimized by using hand-marked paper ballots and rigorous audits. Dominion says its equipment remains secure.

Marilyn Marks, executive director of the Coalition for Good Governance, the group that sued over the state's voting machines, said the state has been slow to investigate. She was on the receiving end of the phone call from the bail bondsman.

The state, she said, has been "repeatedly looking the other way when faced with flashing red lights of serious voting system security problems."

State officials say they're confident the election system is safe. All Coffee County election equipment that wasn't already replaced will be swapped out before early voting begins next month, the secretary of state's office said Friday. □

Dow sinks to 2022 low as recession fears roil world markets



A trader stands outside the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press
By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga (AP) - Stocks fell sharply worldwide Friday on worries an already slowing global economy could fall into recession as central banks raise the pressure with additional interest rate hikes. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.6%, closing at its lowest level since late 2020. The S&P 500 fell 1.7%, close to its 2022 low set in mid-June, while the Nasdaq slid 1.8%. The selling capped another rough week on Wall Street, leaving the major indexes with their fifth weekly loss in six weeks. Energy prices closed sharply lower as traders worried about a possible recession. Treasury yields, which affect rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans,

held at multiyear highs. European stocks fell just as sharply or more after preliminary data there suggested business activity had its worst monthly contraction since the start of 2021. Adding to the pressure was a new plan announced in London to cut taxes, which sent U.K. yields soaring because it could ultimately force its central bank to raise rates even more sharply. The Federal Reserve and other central banks around the world aggressively hiked interest rates this week in hopes of undercutting high inflation, with more big increases promised for the future. Such moves put the brakes on economies by design, in hopes that slower purchases by households and businesses will deflate inflation-

ary pressures. But they also threaten a recession, if they rise too far or too quickly. Besides Friday's discouraging data on European business activity, a separate report suggested U.S. activity is also still shrinking, though not quite as badly as in earlier months.

"Financial markets are now fully absorbing the Fed's harsh message that there will be no retreat from the inflation fight," Douglas Porter, chief economist at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a research report. U.S. crude oil prices slid 5.7% to their lowest levels since early this year on worries that a weaker global economy will burn less fuel. Cryptocurrency prices also fell sharply because higher interest rates tend to hit hardest the investments that look the priciest or the most risky. Even gold fell in the worldwide rout, as bonds paying higher yields make invest-

ments that pay no interest look less attractive. Meanwhile the U.S. dollar has been moving sharply higher against other currencies. That can hurt profits for U.S. companies with lots of overseas business, as well as put a financial squeeze on much of the developing world. The S&P 500 fell 64.76 points to 3,693.23, its fourth straight drop. □

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Pharoah Sanders, influential jazz saxophonist, dies at 81

By The Associated Press

(AP) — Pharoah Sanders, the influential tenor saxophonist revered in the jazz world for the spirituality of his work, has died, his record label announced. He was 81.

Sanders, who launched his career playing alongside John Coltrane in the 1960s, died in Los Angeles early Saturday, said the tweet from Luaka Bop, the label that released his 2021 album, "Promises." It did not specify a cause. A phone message to Luaka Bop in New York was not immediately returned.

"We are devastated to share that Pharoah Sanders has passed away. He died peacefully surrounded by loving family and friends in Los Angeles earlier this morning. Always and forever the most beautiful human being, may he rest in peace," said the label's message on Twitter, accompanied by a heart emoji.

Among the saxophonist's best-known works was his two-part "The Creator Has a Master Plan," from the "Karma" album released in



Jazz saxophonist Pharoah Sanders performs at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, Friday, May 2, 2014.

1969. The combined track is nearly 33 minutes long. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1940, Sanders began his early musical life by playing drums, then the clarinet in church. In high school, he began renting out the school saxophone. After high school he moved to Oakland, California, where he intended to attend art

school. But he soon moved to New York to join the city's avant-garde jazz scene. He hitchhiked his way across country, he told The New Yorker magazine in 2020. Arriving in 1962, he could hardly afford the New York life. "I was trying to survive some kind of way," he told the magazine. "I used to work a few jobs here and

there, earn five dollars, buy some food, buy some pizza. I had no money at all." In 1965, he joined Coltrane's band. "I couldn't figure out why he wanted me to play with him, because I didn't feel like, at the time, that I was ready to play with John Coltrane," Sanders said. "He always told me, 'Play.' That's what I did."

When Coltrane died, Sanders continued playing for a time with his wife, Alice Coltrane. He also started leading his own bands. His most commercially successful work came for Impulse Records, including the renowned "Karma" album. After more than a decade of performing but not recording albums, Sanders released the much-admired "Promises" in 2021, with producer Floating Points and the London Symphony Orchestra. Rolling Stone called it "both startlingly minimal and arrestingly gorgeous." Known for his style of so-called spiritual jazz, Sanders, still actively playing, confessed in the 2020 New Yorker interview that "a lot of (the) time I don't know what I want to play."

"So I just start playing, and try to make it right, and make it join to some other kind of feeling in the music," he said. "Like, I play one note, maybe that one note might mean love. And then another note might mean something else. Keep on going like that until it develops into — maybe something beautiful." □

Apple Music becomes new sponsor of Super Bowl halftime show



Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Dr. Dre, Mary J. Blige, 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg, from left, perform during the halftime show during the NFL Super Bowl 56 football game between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals on Feb. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, Calif.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple Music will be the new sponsor of the Super Bowl

halftime show, the NFL announced early Friday morning. The multi-year sponsorship

will begin with this season's Super Bowl on Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona. Apple Music replaces

Pepsi, which sponsored the show for the past 10 years. Terms were not announced, but analysts had expected the league to get at least \$50 million per year for the rights.

"We are proud to welcome Apple Music to the NFL family as our new partner for the iconic Super Bowl Halftime Show," Nana-Yaw Asamoah, the NFL's senior vice president of partner strategy, said in a statement. "We couldn't think of a more appropriate partner for the world's most-watched musical performance than Apple Music, a service that entertains, inspires, and motivates millions of people around the world through the intersection of music and technology."

Apple is also negotiating with the NFL for the rights to the "NFL Sunday Ticket" package of Sunday games

that do not air in a viewer's home market. Amazon, Google and the Walt Disney Co. are also competing for the package, which has been on DirecTV since 1994. Over 120 million viewers watched last February's halftime show, which featured Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Mary J. Blige and Kendrick Lamar. □

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Kipchoge clocks 2:01:09 for world record in Berlin Marathon

(AP) — He's done it again. Two-time Olympic champion Eliud Kipchoge bettered his own world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sunday. The Kenyan star clocked 2 hours, 1 minute, 9 seconds to shave 30 seconds off his previous best mark of 2:01:39 set on the same course in 2018.

"My legs and my body still feel young," the 37-year-old Kipchoge said. "But the most important thing is my mind, and that also feels fresh and young. I'm so happy to break the world record."

Ethiopia's Tigist Assefa unexpectedly won the women's race in a course record of 2:15:37 — 18 minutes faster than she had ever run before. It was the third fastest time ever.

"I wasn't afraid of my rivals, even though they had faster times than me," the 26-year-old Assefa said.

Kenya's Rosemary Wanjiru was second on her debut in 2:18:00 — the second fastest debut ever run — just ahead of Ethiopian runner Tigist Abayechew in 2:18:03.

Kipchoge and Assefa's combined time of 4:16:46 ensured the marathon was the fastest ever. The men's record has now been set eight times in a row in Berlin, favored by runners for its flat course.

It's Kipchoge's fourth win in the city, equaling the record set by Haile Gebrselassie. The Ethiopian great — like Kipchoge now — also set two world records (in 2007 and 2008) in Berlin.

Conditions in the German capital were ideal for fast racing — cool, around 52 degrees (11 degrees Celsius) after a night of showers, with no more precipitation and no wind. Some 45,527 runners from 157 nations were registered to take part in the first Berlin Marathon without restrictions since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Participant numbers were reduced by nearly half under strict restrictions last year, and the 2020 race was called off due to the pandemic.

Kipchoge set off at a furious pace on Sunday, covering

the first 10 kilometers in just 28:23 and clocking 42:32 at the 15k-mark, hinting at a sub two-hour attempt. He broke the two-hour barrier in Vienna in 2019 when he ran 1:59:40 in a race that did not conform to regulations.

Defending champion Guye Adola and Ethiopian compatriot Andamlak Belihu managed to keep pace, initially, but Adola dropped back a few meters as Kipchoge was clocking kilometer-splits of between 2:47 and 2:50.

Kipchoge and Belihu completed the half marathon in just 59:51. Adola and Kenyan runners Abel Kipchumba, Mark Korir and Bethwel Yegon followed in 1:01:25.

"I planned to go out fast

in the first half," Kipchoge said.

The last pacemaker dropped off at the 25k-mark, leaving Kipchoge on his own, but Belihu remained on his heels.

Kipchoge slowed somewhat in reaching the 30k-mark in 1:25:40. Belihu was unable to keep up and followed 21 seconds behind before dropping further back.

By this stage it was just a question of whether Kipchoge would break his own record. He did.

Compatriot Mark Korir was second, nearly five minutes behind, followed by Ethiopian runner Tadu Abate. Belihu, who had stayed longest with Kipchoge, finished fourth in 2:06:40. □



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge crosses the line to win the Berlin Marathon in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

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